

UNITED STATE

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan ^{W.C.S.} *jl*

DATE: 11/4/63

FROM : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr. *DM*

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SUBJECT: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

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Reference is made to Miami radiogram dated 10/31/63.

This communication set forth information concerning the public announcement from Castro that his troops had captured five members of an exile landing party sent to Cuba by CIA. Castro claimed that the landing party had used a boat called the "Rex." Miami advised that the "Rex" was presently located at West Palm Beach, Florida. Castro's statements have resulted in considerable newspaper comment in the U. S. including speculation of CIA involvement.

By memorandum 10/24/63, you were informed that

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The capture of the agents has resulted in an embarrassing situation to the agency. The ship actually has not been used for any extended period of time and it obviously will no longer be of any use.

With regard to the utilization of vessels such as the "Rex," the New York Times of 11/1/63, carried an article which suggested the

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possibility that two other vessels, the "Leda" and the "Vallaro"
both flying under the Nicaraguan flag, also may be operating for
the U. S. Government.

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